



# THE GUILFORD GAZETTE



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## A School Goes Home

BY NANCY DETRA

Guilford Central School has dealt with being “decentralized” before, when the furnace exploded in 2004, but it’s never been dispersed like it is now, as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. With packets of schoolwork in hand, students boarded buses on March 20, not to return until September, when it is hoped the coronavirus will be a thing of the past. Until then, children are doing their schoolwork at home.

“It’s a very stressful time,” Principal John Gagnon noted on March 29. “We’re doing everything we can not to overwhelm our families.”

Tosha Tillman is dealing with the staggering school situation from both sides: as the parent of two school children, and as a member of the Leadership Advisory Council, that acts as a bridge between Guilford Central School and the new unified school board that serves four towns.

“Everyone’s learning. When we get through this we’ll all have a new skill set,” Tosha said. She is referring in part to the technology of remote meeting and learning that everyone—teachers, parents and kids—are struggling to master. But it’s not just the technology. She spoke of the feeling of working as a team, both youngsters and adults.

“We’re all in this together. We’ll get through this together,” she added.

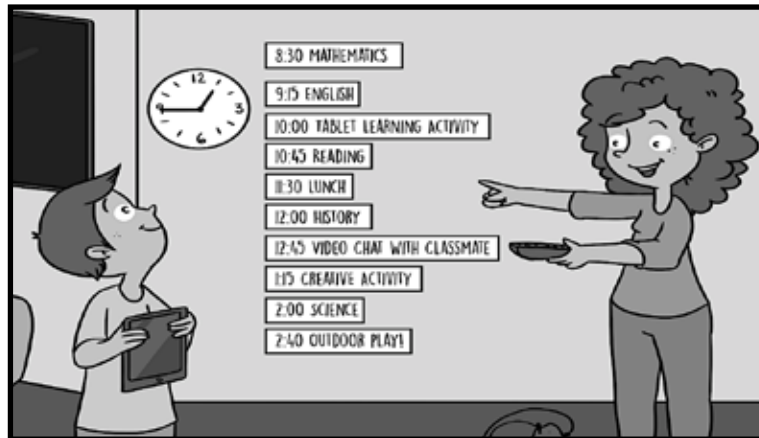
Before March 20, the Leadership Council had been convening once every two weeks, to look at the various programs and learn of the successes as well as areas in need of improvement at the school. But the members agreed at the

end of March, when the pandemic was in full swing, to meet weekly “until things calm down again,” according to Tosha.

“We are talking about ways in which teachers can best engage with their stu-

classroom teachers.

All of it is new, and none of it easy. Jen Kramer, a sixth grade teacher, said, “This is a challenge. These kids are not used to doing a lot of independent learning. This puts so much responsibility on their shoulders. It’s asking a lot developmentally.” Jen has been meeting with her 13 students on Zoom for about an hour and a half every morning, so that she can see each student and they can see her and their classmates. She said she loves to see the eager face of each child, as it comes up on her computer screen.



dents.” And that meant computers. One of the first things the school did at the time of its closure was to send home a survey, in order to determine which families needed technical support at home.

Each classroom teacher has been exploring different electronic platforms to be able to connect with their students, including Google Classroom, Zoom, and Padlet. For the first weeks of the pandemic, while staff were scrambling to get systems in place for their students, the idea was simply to “review and maintain” knowledge that the children had acquired before the physical school closed. As of April 13 the teachers moved forward with new material. They have worked hard to individualize the work, so that each child can progress to their best advantage. Video staff meetings have happened every week, and team meetings also are held on Zoom, so that the art, music, library and physical education teachers can coordinate their lessons with

Meanwhile, the school busses are still on the roads, bringing lunch to any child who wants it, regardless of family income. Counsellor Chantelle Albin has been hosting a “Lunch Buddy” video meeting with children who want to join her and her two sons for that meal.

“The personal touches are so meaningful in this time of tumult,” said Tosha. She mentioned that the school had sponsored a “Pet Day,” when children could send a picture of a favorite animal—a pet, stuffed animal, or farm animal.

“These people have made a heroic effort,” said the principal: “the teachers, the paraeducators, the specialists. Everyone.”

Tosha saw a bright side to all of the distancing and upheaval.

“I anticipate that we are all going to be able to have a real appreciation for coming together,”—when the time for that returns.

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## Summer Garden and Art Parties at GCS!

BY SARAH ROSOW

Please join us this summer for fun in the garden! Tara Gordon, Brattleboro Town Schools Garden Coordinator, and Sarah Rosow, GCS Farm to School Program Coordinator, will be hosting weekly garden work parties at Guilford Central School every Monday, from 9-11 AM, all summer long.

Normally in the spring, each class at GCS plants a crop, and they harvest it and cook with it in the fall when they come back to school. This year, a group of volunteers will probably be planting the crop. We rely on community members to help us sustain the garden over the summer. All students, families, and community members are welcome.

This summer, simultaneous with the open garden hours at schools, students and parents can participate in a variety of art activities in school gardens. The *River Gallery School of Art*, the *In-Sight Photography Project*, and the *Human Art of Play* will offer fun art and garden-based activities throughout the summer. Create a bug poster, learn about cyanotype art, and join in on circus yoga. All activities are free and supplies are provided. Students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian, who are welcome to join in the fun! The Summer



*Children work with teachers in a raised bed behind the school*

Garden Art Series is a collaboration between Food Connects, RiseVT, WSED, and Tara Gordon, Food Connects Garden Coordinator.

We'll be weeding, watering, planting, harvesting, making art and having fun. Come join us to learn something new, keep the gardens vibrant and healthy, and bring home some veggies! The more the merrier!

Plans are subject to change depending on the recommendations for social distanc-

ing at that time. To find out whether and when the garden parties will start, you can check the Guilford Town or School Facebook pages, and/or look for announcements in the Front Porch Forum.

If garden parties are canceled, you may contact Sarah at [srosow@wsesdvt.org](mailto:srosow@wsesdvt.org) if you'd like an assignment of a job that you can do independently with your own tools. We look forward to seeing you in the garden!

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# Guilford Meeting House Bell

BY CAROL STACK

On March 9th, 2020, the Guilford Historical Society met with the Preservation Trust of Vermont in preparation to apply for a grant to repair what is next needed for the maintenance of our Meeting House. During the inspection, which included a trial ring of the Meeting House bell, the rope broke due to rotting.

To further check the cradle and timbers supporting the bell, Paul Gardener of Hawk & Brush, climbed the steeple stairs for pictures and to replace the rope. Thanks to Paul for his bravery, his great pictures, a new rope in place, and a few further recommendations. This all prompted me to research where our bell was made and led to more questions about it.

The inscription in the bronze bell says it was made in Boston by Henry Northey Hooper & Company dated 1837.

Henry N. Hooper (1799-1865) apprenticed in Paul Revere's foundry from 1830 to 1868. He bought the business from Revere and continued to make not

only bells but also lighting fixtures and "Napoleon" artillery for the Union during the Civil War. A Napoleon was a smooth bore six- foot field gun—the most popular artillery in the Civil War. Several survived and are on display at Gettysburg and Arlington National Cemetery.

Hooper was also known for his elaborate chandeliers and was commissioned by the Congress to make a massive one to hang in the House of Representatives chamber. Unfortunately, due to a faulty support chain holding up the chandelier, it fell—all 7,500 lbs.—the day after it was hung. Hooper was exonerated after an investigation. Congress was not in session at the time.

Hooper was also well known for his bells and chimes dating from 1838, according to Wikipedia. He supplied bells to many churches and places in New England, Amherst College, and New York City Hall, to name just a few.

An online link sent me to the town of Savage, Maryland and the Savage Methodist Union Church, which was to have Hooper's oldest bell made. It was dated 1838, according to the church's website.

In 2009, the Church had their bell appraised by Four Seasons Antiques, Auctions and Appraisal of Glen Burnie. The appraisal mentioned one other older bell but did not state the location of it.

I wonder if our bell, made by Hooper in 1837, is the oldest!

More questions arose and if anyone can fill us in with additional information, please let us know. Interesting bell! Wonder how much it weighs?



*Meetinghouse bell & yoke, photographed by Paul Gardener*

## Reaching Out to Guilford in the Pandemic

BY VERANDAH PORCHE

We've been wondering how you are all managing during the pandemic.

Recently, Representative Sara Coffey, Guilford Cares and several volunteers called residents over 65 to ask whether any members of the household or neighbors they knew needed help, and to share information about how volunteers could offer support and supplies. Happily,


most households already had family and/or neighbors available. And we actually gained volunteers while assisting to those who needed some help. While reaching out, I had several wonderful conversations with people I'd never met.

I hope all of us can share some of our experience during Covid-19. What have you learned during this period of Staying Home

to Save Lives? Are there lessons that can guide our direction as a community in the future?

Please send your thoughts to me at verandahporche@guilfordvt.net or call me with your response at 802 254-2442, and we can make time to talk.

We hope to publish your insights in the August Gazette.



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# Living with Coyotes

BY MARLI RABINOWITZ

On January 7, the Guilford Conservation Commission sponsored an evening talk about coyotes. A resident had contacted us, upset about losing a cat. Kim Royar, a biologist from Vermont Fish and Wildlife, came with a slideshow, pelts, and a lot of good information. As the forest has regrown in Vermont, forest animals have returned and increased, and living with them can be a challenge. The

wolves and mountain lions that roamed here once were wiped out by Europeans in the 17th and 18th centuries. But then, as Europeans moved westward and cut down trees and made fields, the Western coyote was able to move in the reverse direction, east of the Mississippi, as it was a creature of the open plains. Along the way, it interbred with the northern red wolf, and the Eastern coyote is about 25% wolf. Thus, coyotes in Vermont are larger than the 40 lb. desert coyote, and their skulls and jaws are also larger. Breeding with dogs happens, but the young are not successful.

These “coywolves” reached Vermont in the 1940s and have established populations all around the state, 4-8 per square mile; an estimated seven or eight thousand are now in Vermont. They live



*A coyote moves quickly along a stone wall*

in family groups, and it is true that they breed faster when the population density is less. Even though the cubs have a 50% mortality rate, trying to “hunt them out” is not successful in the long term. Coyotes eat carrion, small mammals such as mice and woodchucks, fawns, deer, berries, and other plant material. While coyotes do eat deer, they have more effect on the populations of smaller predators such as fox and bobcat, by taking their prey. It is true that they will eat pets that are outside unprotected, especially at night. Owls, fisher cats, bobcats, and other predators will also eat pets. It is wise to keep pets and livestock in at night and fenced or leashed during the day. (I have heard that mules and llamas are protective.) We only touched on issues of hunting and trapping; there is a range of opinions about whether that is effective and

bear nor coyote are easy to control, and frankly Kim said the department’s resources are oriented towards protection of species that are rare or endangered. Coyotes are a predator to be respected, also beautiful to watch (and be watched by!) and to photograph. They are now a part of our ecosystem, and it is wise to learn to protect yourself and your children and pets when outdoors, whether from ticks or mammals.

The more you learn about coyotes, the easier it will be to live with them. How you do that is up to you. The Vermont Fish and Wildlife department offers further information at <https://vtfishandwildlife.com/learn-more/vermont-critters/mammals/coyote>. Coyotes might enrich rather than diminish your enjoyment of outdoor life.

even more opinions about the ethics. Coyote hunting is legal all year round and there is a market for their winter fur.

On March 14, the Dummerston Conservation Commission sponsored a talk on living with bears. I was not able to attend, but it is clear that forest predators are here to stay, and some of our habits will need to change. Neither

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# College Scholarships for Guilford Residents

BY DON MCLEAN

There are currently three sources of college scholarship aid available specifically for Guilford residents. And it happens that this year's application deadline for all the scholarships is May 22, so students heading to college this fall are just in time to apply.

Broad Brook Grange has been giving a scholarship to a student from Guilford for many years. The Grange was the organization which collaborated with the Town of Guilford on publishing the green History of Guilford book back in 1961, for the Town Bicentennial, and proceeds from sales of the book were used to start the scholarship fund.

It's important to know that applicants for this scholarship do not have to be Grange members. A Grange committee, chaired by Mike Szostak, prepares the application materials and receives completed applications, then makes the decision on the award, typically a single scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.

Eligibility is somewhat specific: The scholarship is awarded to a BUHS grad-

uating senior, who plans to attend a 2 or 4 year college or trade school—to which they have been accepted—after graduation, and the applicant must have lived in Guilford for 2 of the past 4 years.

A nice thing about this scholarship is that, although academic accomplishment is an important part of the criteria, community service counts for 50% of the weight given the applicant's qualifications and reflects the community mission of the Grange.

Another scholarship just for Guilford residents is given by the Town of Guilford through the Lt. Col. Charles L. Bullock and Mrs. Mary Ellen Bullock Educational Scholarship Fund, established as a permanent trust in memory of these members of an extensive Guilford family.

One or more scholarships are awarded each year, depending upon the number and

quality of applications, and are available to any Guilford resident to attend any two-or-four-year institution of higher learning, including technical school and post-graduate work. Both first-year and continuing students may apply. This year, there will again be a total of \$3,000 available to be divided among the recipients. These scholarships are administered by a committee appointed by the selectboard.

This year marks the return of a third source for scholarships for students who are Guilford residents: The Guilford Recreation Club. The club gave scholarships for a number of years, and after an absence, with the revitalization of the organization, scholarships will again be awarded. The Rec Club owns property adjacent to the Fairground, which includes the ballfield, tennis courts, a cabin, and trails. The applicant must be a senior at BUHS and a Guilford resident and planning to attend a 2 or 4 year college or trade school for the fall semester after high school graduation.



## Scholarships Deadline is May 22

BY DON MCLEAN

Note that because of COVID-19, with BUHS and other buildings closed to the public, students who plan to apply for any of these scholarships will need to do a lot of the application work by e-mail. Plan ahead to receive academic transcripts and letters of recommendation! Heather Harrison in the BUHS Counseling office is available to assist students with accessing applications.

**Grange Scholarship:** Since school will not be in session for the remainder of the school year, Mike Szostak will send to all Guilford BUHS seniors scholarship application instructions at their school email address. Students should be sure to check their email. Questions may be directed to Mike's school phone at 802-451-3434 or preferably to his email address: [mszostak@wsesdvt.org](mailto:mszostak@wsesdvt.org).

Mike also has daily school office hours via Zoom on most week days from 3:30 to 4:15 at: <https://zoom.us/j/372375348>

**Bullock Scholarship:** Contact the Guilford Town Clerk, Penny Marine, at [pennymarine@guilfordvt.net](mailto:pennymarine@guilfordvt.net) or the Bullock Scholarship Committee: Kathryn Karlan-Mason at [kathamason@gmail.com](mailto:kathamason@gmail.com). BUHS students should go to their school Naviance platform, where all the BUHS/local scholarships are listed. Students may print their application out at home, and completed applications may be submitted electronically to

Kathryn Karlan-Mason or to Town Clerk Penny Marine.

**Recreation Club Scholarship:** Contact Carol Schnabel at [petecar86@comcast.net](mailto:petecar86@comcast.net). Or by mail to: Guilford Recreation Club, PO Box 2679, West Brattleboro VT 05303.

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## Guilford's Graduates

BY EVELYN MCLEAN

Congratulations to these Guilford students who are achieving these significant academic milestones.

### Sixth Grade Guilford Central School

Angelo Chaffin  
Nico Leach  
Brook Hanson  
Kylie Jarvis  
Cooper LaFlam  
Daniel Poor  
Anthony Rayno  
Paige Renaud  
Genevieve "Mae" Schneski  
Willow Sharma  
Griffin Woodruff  
Stockton Woodruff  
Peter Yobst

### BAMS, continued

Kaidyn Jarvis  
Keira Lamoureux  
Riley Amber Packard  
Jacob Paquette  
Bela Pumiglia  
Hailey Jean Redgate  
Genevieve Redmond  
Audrey Mae Renaud  
Brook Lynn Robles  
Isaac Slade

### Eighth Grade Brattleboro Area Middle School

Jesse Ackerman-Hovis  
Miles Ackerman-Hovis  
David Austin  
Thomas Bell  
Skyler Bellville  
Autumn Victoria Betit  
Evan Bywater  
Jett Emery  
Bryanna Maybell Finnell  
Gillian Riley Fletcher  
Sheala Holland  
Emmett Hoyer

### Twelfth Grade Brattleboro Union High School

Lila Alexander  
Jenna Barry-Stoughton  
Juniper Dawn DiMatteo-LePape  
Liam Fletcher  
Tyler Joseph Jobin  
Nathan Wilder Kenny  
Jimmy Linares  
Joshua Andrew Martyn  
Jameson R Peters  
Molly E Peters  
Declyn Tourville  
Shane Vinton  
Gus Williams  
Luke Williams  
Elias Zumbruski



## Summer Camp Plans

### Go Forward

BY CATHI WILKIN

It may be an odd spring but plans for camp at the Guilford Free Library proceed undaunted. The group leaders are already pulling together exciting summer adventures.

Camp at the library is our summer reading program. The theme this year is "Imagine Your Story", and activities for each week-long camp will include some sort of storytelling, as well as plenty of time exploring the woods and stream near the library.


For grades 2-5, Andy Loughney will lead the camp from 9am to 12:30pm on July 27-31. Emma Hallowell will offer a camp for grades K-3 from 9am to 12:30pm on August 3-7. Finally, on August 10-14, grades 5-8 can attend camp from 9am to 3:30pm with Maia Gilmour and Emma Bliss.

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# The Guilford Leadership Advisory Council

BY BETH BRISTOL

The unification of school districts under Act 46 in 2019 resulted in the dissolution of the Guilford Town School Board and the creation of the Windham Southeast School District (WSESD). In an effort to maintain local input and community connection, the new WSESD school board amended the Articles of Agreement to include the creation of Leadership Advisory Councils (LAC) at each school within the district. This amendment was approved by voters in November of 2019.

Guilford Central School was quick to form their leadership council, in fact the first to do so in the district. Currently, the Guilford LAC consists of the school principal, two staff members and three parents. Additionally, a member of the WSESD board and administration team is often in attendance. The committee would love to increase membership by an additional two members. Anyone interested in joining should send a letter of interest to school principal, John Gagnon. Regular meetings are held every other Friday at 1:00 PM at Guilford Central School\*, and quarterly meetings are held during evening hours and will

be advertised.

The Guilford LAC has developed the following goals:

1. Advocate for students and their highest academic, social, and emotional growth
2. Foster a community built around equality and diversity
3. Promote Guilford Central School to the local community and the wider district.
4. Create and facilitate effective communication between Guilford Central School and the District

To achieve these goals, the LAC will work closely with the school to stay informed of their successes and challenges and to brainstorm ways to provide required support.

Whether through organizing community engagement activities, attending school board meetings to advocate for Guilford's needs, or helping to prioritize budgetary requests, the LAC will work to maintain the local community connection to the greater district school board.

We are excited about this new opportunity, and our ability to set the precedents for how these councils will work going for-

ward. We are proud of the response from the Guilford community in forming and activating this committee.

The LAC in Guilford is robust and active. Additional community input and suggestions are welcome and we invite you to attend one of our upcoming meetings.

\* Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, the Leadership Advisory Councils is holding their meetings remotely via Zoom teleconference. Please bear with us as we navigate this new path and determine the best way to open our meetings to the greater community.

We are working closely with the school staff and administration as they develop the education plans for students over the remainder of the school year.

We continue to be inspired and tremendously impressed with the resilience and dedication of our educational community and their unwavering commitment to supporting all of the needs of each of our students.

We have no doubt the Guilford Central School staff will rally and prevail successfully through this challenging time.



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## A Shout Out to Parents in a Time of Pandemic

BY NANCY DETRA

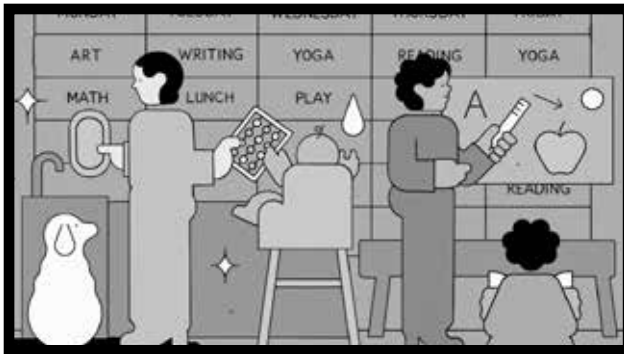
I called Tosha Tillman at 10:15 on April 1, and found her at home with her three children. The oldest was working with a teacher via video to modify his schoolwork to meet his individual needs. Tosha's second oldest was working on a computer application called Reading Eggs, which teaches reading skills and tracks individual students' progress.

"The baby is sleeping, and I'm folding laundry," said Tosha. If not for the coronavirus, two of the children would be in school. A parent might be able to have an uninterrupted phone conversation. But in this case the calm was broken when the phone rang and Mother's voice was directed at an invisible person. The baby has woken, and the child who was focused on improving his reading skills is now saying he's hungry. The peace that reigned and gave Tosha a moment to fold laundry has disappeared.

Our phone call ends, but Tosha emailed me the events of a "typical" day, though, she wrote, "all of this is atypical because life as we all know it has shifted dramatically."

A day starts with breakfast and a fam-

ily meeting to discuss everything from the weather to the schedule for the day. After Tosha's husband Matt Dove leaves for work at the hospital, Tosha and the children stretch with Yoga Kids, a program led by an online teacher; then they read together, and then there's schoolwork for the older two. After that, play time—outdoors or in, depending on the weather. Lunch comes on the school bus.



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it home in time for dinner, but "he is usually there by the kids' bedtime, which is so helpful to have a second set of hands." Tosha ends her email by extolling the virtues of the delivered lunches and of the town and school libraries, which have been making books and story times available during the pandemic. And, while Tosha commends others, we want to thank parents for doing a huge job. We thank them for bringing along the next generation that gives us hope, just as we thank all the people who, like Matt, are holding this world together at a very difficult time.

## Pandemic

BY LEAH NERO CARASQUILLO

Pandemic trepidation

Looms large

The daily specter of hallways lined with cots and gasping

Draws ever nearer

As bikini-clad beach revelers

Fail to see that the sand is running

Through the hourglass.

They say we will soon be all out of masks, And healthcare workers can wear bandanas On the front line.

This is the war we are called to fight.

Zapatistas to the ICU!

While they turn blue in our zócalos

And the machines are few.

We will show up.

We will fight for you.

On the home front,

Our feeble homeschool is loosely covering Emily Dickinson

"Hope is the Thing with Feathers"

And a little scholar declares:

Here's the thing about hope,

It's very valuable.

\*Leah Nero, daughter of retired Guilford Central School Special Educator Judith Nero, graduated from GCS 1994 and is now a nurse practitioner, spouse, mother of three and poet.



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# Cabin Fever Notes from the Guilford Conservation Commission

BY GCC MEMBERS

The Guilford Conservation Commission (GCC) has been posting “Cabin Fever” notes on a weekly basis to the Front Porch Forum (FPF). We thought it might be useful to share them in the Gazette as well. Perhaps by the publication of this Gazette the Stay at Home policy will soon be lifted, but either way, outdoor exercise is one of the most beneficial activities for mind, body, and spirit.

**Trails:** Walking on conserved land connects us to what we love about living in Guilford. The following are three trails recommended by the GCC for their ease of access and scenic beauty. Most are on level ground without major hills, therefore appropriate for kids and elders. They may be wet or muddy through June; wear appropriate footwear. If Stay at Home remains in place, just remember to limit contact with other walkers, staying 6’ from anyone you meet on the trail.

Grassy Spur (aka Sheppie’s Meadow) in Green River Village was conserved through the Vermont Land Trust in 1978. The current landowners welcome Guilford residents to walk along the grassy path next to the Green River (about 1.5-mile walk down and back). Park on the west side of the Green River Covered Bridge. The gate to the meadow is on Stage Road (150 yards east of the bridge).

Weeks Forest Carriage Trail in Guilford Center, maintained by the GCC, is level and easy (.8 miles round trip), following an old carriage road that led to Guilford

Sweet Pond Trail is now open again with the restoration of the dam last Fall. Sweet Pond has filled over the winter, making the 1.3 mile trail that circles the pond exceptionally beautiful as it wends through woods and wetlands. Still mostly level, this trail has more uneven terrain than the other two. Park at the Sweet Pond Trailhead parking area marked by a wooden State Park sign.

**Birds:** May is a great time for birdwatching. Pick a comfortable spot outside to sit and listen to whoever shows up. Tune your ears to red-tailed or broad-shouldered hawks circling above the trees, wild turkeys strutting their stuff on roads and fields, redwing blackbirds “scree-ing” near ponds and wet areas, phoebes nesting under eaves, and chickadees calling to each other as they forage for food. Listen for the song of the Baltimore oriole in the blooming apple trees, and the haunting echoes of the veeries and hermit thrushes in the woods.

At the Audubon Society’s website, [www.audubon.org/birding](http://www.audubon.org/birding), you can find DIY activities for kids and grownups, including how to make your own hummingbird nectar. Be sure to check out the Southeastern Vermont Audubon Society (SVAS) to learn about nearby birding opportunities and events at <http://southeasternvtas.blogspot.com/>.

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*Sweet Pond Trail  
photographed by Skye Morse*

Mineral Springs. Benches, a detailed trail guide, and interpretive stops make this a delightful walk. There’s a small parking area at the trail head on Carpenter Road, opposite the Old Brick Schoolhouse.

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**Reptiles/Amphibians:** By mid-May we have all heard wood frogs and spring peepers in Guilford's ponds and woods, and salamanders have finished their slow, silent migration from forest habitat to rivers, streams, and wetlands.

The Vermont Reptile and Amphibian Atlas (VtHerpAtlas.org) collects observations of any reptiles and amphibians. Their website includes a reporting form and a table with photos and descriptions of unusual species in Vermont: <https://www.vtherpatlas.org/priorities-da->

[ta-gaps/always-report-most-wanted-and-rarest/](https://www.vtherpatlas.org/priorities-da-). Any photographs and descriptions you send to the Atlas will be much appreciated and will add to our knowledge of reptiles and amphibians in Guilford and in Vermont.

To help you identify plants and animals you encounter outdoors, visit Lynn Levine's website [www.heartwoodpress.com](http://www.heartwoodpress.com), which offers links for educators and sells easy-to-use guides for Mammal tracks and a Fern ID book, along with books for kids about the outdoors. Email [Kinglet@together.net](mailto:Kinglet@together.net) in Ripton, Vermont to request one or more of Vermont artist Libby Davidson's collection of eight different laminated ID cards (3 7/8" x 2 1/2") for identifying everything from twigs and leaves to hawks and amphibians at very reasonable prices.

Whatever you choose to do outside, enjoy beautiful Guilford in the spring, and watch for ongoing Cabin Fever Notes in the Front Porch Forum.

## Birthday in a Time of Plague

BY SUSAN BONTHRON



When Eliza Frehsee turned 10, social distancing prevented her from having a birthday party. But her mother Michelle called some friends and secretly arranged a surprise for her daughter.

The friends gathered across the street from Eliza's house in Guilford Center at a pre-arranged time, and with music, singing and applause congratulated their young friend on achieving her first decade.

## Fire Department Statistics

### January:

10 fire  
7 medical calls,  
3 mutual aid

### February:

10 fire  
7 medical calls,  
3 mutual aid

### March:

8 fire  
2 medical calls  
3 mutual aid

## Guilford Fire Department and Covid-19 Planning

BY WANDA ATOMANUK

The Guilford Volunteer Fire Department has been working continuously to prepare and plan for the COVID-19 pandemic.

We have been in ongoing communication with the Guilford Emergency Management Director, Peder Rude, as well as other state and local officials. Our primary objective has been to procure necessary safety supplies for the department and to set new guidelines to keep our members and patients safe.

We share the same challenges as other emergency response organizations around availability of supplies from both vendors

and State supply channels. While we do have a small supply of required equipment, we continue to work towards securing even more.

Patients will notice our personnel wearing this new safety gear when they respond. They will also notice our dispatching services asking additional questions when emergency calls are received. These new protocols are in place to help keep both patients and first responders safe.

We appreciate your understanding and assistance during this challenging time.



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## Broken Traditions and A Tale of Two Sweet Farms

BY NANCY DETRA

In a break from a decades-old tradition, only one of the three regular Guilford sugar suppers happened this year. The Grange supper, held on March 7, was well attended at all three of its seatings, where David Franklin simmered the sweet stuff to just the right consistency to provide that delicious chewy texture when poured over snow.

But news of the coronavirus struck hard in the following weeks, and the two remaining Guilford suppers, those hosted by the Guilford Community Church and the Fire Department, were canceled for safety's sake. While many people were holed up in their homes, waiting out the virus, the sap still ran and kept Guilford sugar makers busy outdoors and in their sugarhouses.

At the Franklin Farm, South Guilford: Mary Ellen Franklin canned maple syrup in her basement this year, but new technology may change that soon. In fact, new technology has already changed a lot about the sugaring operation at the Franklin Farm. The Franklins have installed a Steam-Away in their sugarhouse. The apparatus consists of a stainless-steel hood over the back of the pan that warms the sap with the heat of the boiling pan itself, in effect using the heat twice in the evaporation process.

"I bet it cuts (the amount of wood used in the sugarhouse) in half," estimated Mary Ellen. The sap enters the pan at a temperature of 200 degrees, instead of 35 degrees, as it did when it came straight from the holding tank outside. The syrup comes faster too, with less down time between batches.

"It's upped everybody's game," said Mary Ellen.

And that's not all the Steam-Away does. The condensation on its pipes is caught in trays, and the clean hot water is piped into sinks that the Franklins and their friends have installed. Mary Ellen said they plan to can their syrup right in the sugarhouse in the years to come.

The Franklin Farm was named Vermont "Farmer of the Month" in February 2019. The program is funded by a "generous family in Boston," according to Mary Ellen. "All three of us [David, John, and Mary Ellen Franklin] heard about the initial grant" and independently had the same thought: To use the money to purchase and install a Steam-Away in their sugarhouse.

Mary Ellen noted the changing climate has affected their sugaring.

"It makes it very hard to predict," she noted, in an industry that requires careful timing.

Overall, "The 2020 sugar season has been OK," says Mary Ellen. "We didn't make more than usual, but at least [the season] gave us the crop we need."

"The guys enjoyed it so much. There was a huge sense of accomplishment."

At Deer Ridge Farm, West Guilford: Jerry Smith reported a fair season too, citing the warming and inconsistent weather patterns as determining factors. The warmer weather has also made the syrup very dark in color very early in the season, according to Jerry, who, with his partner Susan Peters, manages their 2,500 tap sugarbush. He said he spent "way too much time listening to weather reports" this year.

He and Susan started tapping in Janu-

ary, unheard of in earlier years, and were all finished but the cleaning up by the first of April.

Jerry said there is another problem caused by the warmer winter weather of recent years: there is sometimes mold growth in the taps and lines. They have to check frequently to make sure the taps are sanitary.

Jerry and Susan do all the boiling themselves, so they haven't had to worry about "social distancing" in the sugarhouse during the coronavirus pandemic. But they have missed the open weekends they've hosted in other years, when they've invited the public into the sugarhouse to watch, taste, and even lend a hand. All in all, it was an OK season, according to Jerry.



*Jerry Smith minds the pan*

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# Franklin Farm Brings Ground Beef to School

BY SARAH ROSOW

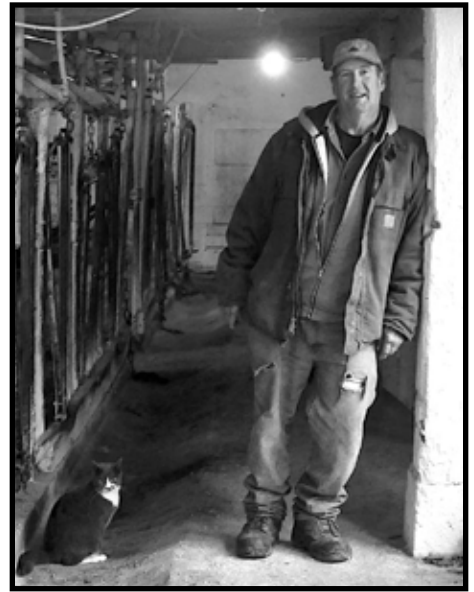
Most months at Guilford Central School, we celebrate the Harvest of the Month with a taste test—a fun way to get kids to try a new vegetable prepared by peers in a creative way. In February, the Vermont Harvest of the Month was not a vegetable, but another food that represents an important part of Vermont's agricultural landscape, and a food that our students are lucky to eat frequently—locally raised beef!

In school cafeterias around the country, most students eat commercially produced beef raised on feedlots far from their school. At GCS, our cafeteria regularly serves organic beef raised on pasture right down the road.

For three years David and Mary Ellen Franklin have generously provided

ground beef to our school cafeteria, with the Farm to School program covering the costs of processing. As a result of this partnership, our school cafeteria serves Franklin Farm ground beef an average of twice every week. Chef Dan uses it for burgers, tacos, meatloaf, shepherd's pie, meatballs, and meat sauce. We are extremely fortunate that our students are able to eat this beef, which is highly nutritious and has great flavor.

According to Mary Ellen Franklin, "We are glad to be able to provide GCS with beef because the school and the whole community of Guilford mean a lot to our family and our farm. Without all the support we get from local friends and residents and friends of residents, I'm sure we wouldn't be able to live and work on this



*David Franklin and friend in the barn.*



*Susan Peters adding wood at Deer Ridge Farm sugarhouse*

farm the way we do. We want the children at GCS to be able to enjoy Franklin Farm certified organic ground beef. It is a way of giving back to the community. And at the same time it helps to support the Franklin Farm."

When you see the Franklins, be sure to thank them for their generosity in providing this high-quality meat for our students! And if you're able to, please support them by buying their meat, eggs, and maple syrup at their farm stand at 4708 Weatherhead Hollow Road. Let's sustain our local economy and support our farmers, who are working hard to produce food locally in order to maintain our rural landscape, and to feed us and our children.



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## Local Storytellers Charm Audiences

BY LYNN GREEN

Spooky stories, love stories, tales of adventure, stories that made audiences laugh, topped off with music—the Guilford Free Library presented them all in a series of programs especially designed for grown-ups. The programs were started last year by the Friends of the Library. Beginning in May 2019, Back Roads Stories has given our talented storytellers an opportunity to tell their tales and our audiences the chance to be entertained by their friends and neighbors. The programs took place at the Broad Brook Community Center in May, August, and November of 2019 and in February 2020.

Clearly, Guilford has a wonderful array of interesting folks with rich histories who know how to tell a good yarn. Storytelling has a long history in Vermont. Our writers and poets, our film makers, our puppeteers and playwrights have produced world-renowned work. And what we have found out in Guilford is that all of us have a story to tell, whether it's on a world stage or in our local communities.

Friends, neighbors, and acquaintances eagerly drop what they're doing and

gather to hear these stories. Audiences also enjoy a variety of homemade treats and the opportunity to talk with the storytellers, and their neighbors and friends at the end of the program.

Our storytellers so far include Bob Tucker, Verandah Porche, Mimi Morton, Dennis Waring, Ryan Dillon, Rick Zamore, Laura Lawson Tucker, Michael Nethercott, Herb

good stories to tell," said Guilford resident Susan Rosano.

Susan is a mosaic and mural artist as well as a registered Expressive Arts therapist who has also been a master teaching artist. She told her story, "One Hundred Percent Love," as part of the Valentine program in February.

That program featured music for the first time. The ukulele group, Green Mountain Strummers, of which Susan and storytellers Dennis Waring and Dot MacDonald are a part, led an enthusiastic audience in a sing-a-long of love songs, adding a whole new dimension to Back Roads Stories.

Thanks to Russ Brabiec, who filmed two of the programs for BCTV, you can enjoy the November and February Back Roads Stories at <https://www.brattleborotv.org/couch-potatoe-productions/back-road-stories-11119>

and <https://www.brattleborotv.org/couch-potatoe-productions/back-road-stories-green-mountain-strummers-2920>.

Thanks too to Don McLean, who hosts all the Back Roads Stories programs and who has facilitated the use of Guilford's Broad Brook Community Center.



*Ukelele players took part in a recent Back Roads Stories program.*

Meyer, Susan Rosano and Dot MacDonald. They are all ages and come from many backgrounds: teachers, musicians, writers, actors, volunteers, and law enforcement.

"It was a pleasure telling my story to the audience in Guilford. They were very responsive and interested in my story, which made me more relaxed and confident. I'm hoping to do this again, as I have many



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## Zoom into Storytime at the Library

BY LYNN GREEN

Neither snow, rain, dark of night or a virus will stop the Guilford Free Library from bringing its regularly scheduled story hour to children in our neighborhoods who look forward each week to stories, songs and fun.

Technology has saved the day thanks to the computer, the application Zoom, and their ability to bring us all together, if not physically then in cyberspace. Tuesday mornings at 11:00AM have always been reserved for Storytime and now, it looks like it's business as usual.

Well, not quite usual, since we're not all in the same room, but that fact doesn't stop Laura Lawson Tucker, Board of Trustees President, and Librarian Cathi Wilken from making us feel like we're all together.

We sing, we act to the songs, and we respond to the stories. Some of the toddlers and young children are sitting on the floor, others are eating a snack, and still others are sitting on their parents' laps but everyone is singing along.

The storytime entertains with new and classic stories and songs but it also gently teaches: about love, about the sun, moon and earth, and about what happens when a little girl falls asleep in a bear's bed after eating his breakfast.

So, stay tuned. Information on how to join will be posted on Front Porch Forum each week.

You can also call the library at 802-257-4603, or email the library at [staff@guilfordfreelibraryvt.org](mailto:staff@guilfordfreelibraryvt.org) to request an invitation.



*Laura's desk in preparation for Zoom Storytime.*



*Laura Lawson Tucker with Frederick and Patty*

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# Our Trip to Kenya

BY LISE SPARROW

In the small village of Kaiguchu, Kenya—a small village about two hours north of Nairobi, in the Province of Nyeri—Guilford, Vermont is better known than New York City. There are cows there named after Al Franklin and Mary Lila Gregg and trees planted in memory of Frieda Franklin, Susan Davis, Nancy Miller, Pooja Meyer and countless others. In fact, there are close to 15,000 trees that have been planted with and on behalf of the Guilford Community Church and the National United Church of Christ. These trees prevent the erosion of hillsides, provide firewood for cooking, and nuts to supplement the simple local diet.

In the photo you see Dwayne Johnson building trusses made of wood fresh cut from trees Guilford Church members planted about ten years ago. Children at the local elementary school feast on mangos each March, thanks to the trees planted by teens in 2016.

In 2002, Wangari Maathai, then known as an environmental activist, visited Guilford Church and planted the tree which greets all who approach the church. Since she began the Green Belt Movement in 1977, over 50 million trees have been planted in Kenya. Her visionary ideas not only led to the revitalization of the Kenyan eco-system through planting of trees, but to hope and prosperity for the rural people of Kenya. Maathai was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for her efforts in 2004 and died in 2011, mourned by Guilford Church members

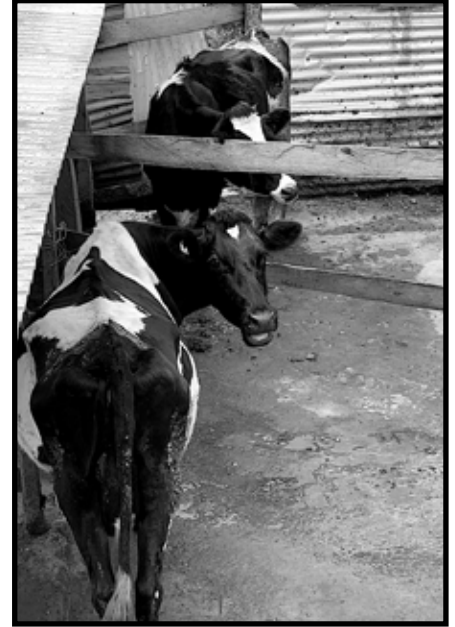


*Payton Lawrence and a friend in Kenya.*

and people around the world.

Since Maathai's first visit, I have made seven trips with people of all ages, and from many area faith communities, to the area where Maathai grew up and first created the tree planting movement. This year the group left on March 8 and returned March 19, staying as always in local homes, helping out at local schools and this year, providing materials and labor for a badly needed nursery school. With every visit, Kenyan children help the visitors plant trees and because we make the journey only every two years or so, it is possible to see the trees grow and thrive—and others succumb to the ravages of environmental change. Nonetheless there has been a visible change in the hills of Kaiguchu.

This year the group inaugurated a new campaign while we were there, called "Seventy-One Agents of Peace (SOAP)" in honor of Wangari's seventy-one years on earth. Children at each school will earn a bit of savings in return for keeping the trees alive. The trees themselves will provide shade, fruit and nuts to help nourish the children—



*Foreground cow, Lila Maes, named for Mary Lila Gregg, in Kenya.*

and the funds from this will become a source of support for the children.

The host for these trips is a man who grew up in Kaiguchu. Lawrence Kabuthi, a naturalist, was deeply influenced by Maathai. Kabuthi has seen the impact simple care for a tree can have on a child. Just the daily watering of a tree can awaken a sense of wonder and responsibility. Many of the travelers said that the experience of being helped by the young students, of holding the tree and putting their hands in the earth together with a Kenyan child was perhaps the most moving of all the experiences there. The carpenters might well add that creating a nursery school for local children with materials planted by our children a few years back was pretty moving as well.



*Dwayne Johnson building trusses*

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## Trip Home—Covid-19

BY WANDA ATOMANUK

It's getting near our planned time to come home from Florida. Should we leave this 80° full sun weather, 91° pool, shorts etc. now or wait until the planned time? Restaurants have dialed back to take-out and limited seating, and beaches are closing. In Washington state, cruise ship (Diamond Princess) is quarantined. Lots of mixed signals.

Next day: New Rochelle, NY has been hit hard. Other than that there doesn't seem to be anything on the east coast to worry about yet.

Now we are hearing about more coming down with the virus. One in the town below us. Pennsylvania has issued a stay at home. Growing. We hear that they are going to limit purchases of beer and wine. Guess we will head home. Leave in three days.

Hurricane shutters on the windows, laundry up to date, personal items packed and car oil changed. Off to the store to get food for going home—peanut butter/cheese crackers, Swiss Rolls, candy—everything we need to keep going. A couple of diet breakfast drinks just in case. Hand sanitizers and wipes, disposable gloves for gassing up. Caffein-

ated soda to keep awake (no naps at lunch time). Trunk and back seat full. Leaving the sheets, trash, recycling and fridge for our daughter to handle. This is handy.

Set the alarm for 3:00 am, on the road by 4:00 am. It's dark out.

Clampetts are on the road. I had expected that the hour we left the roads would be quiet. No way! Guess we weren't the only ones thinking it was time. Half the cars/campers were Quebec, the remaining Michigan, Wisconsin, and Ohio. One Nova Scotia. Snowbirds—I don't count us—are heading home. Campers galore. Some areas almost bumper to bumper. Exodus! Not many tractor trailers yet. They are lined up on all ramps and rest areas resting, and there are a lot of them. We make it up I76 to Ocala, across Rt. 301 to A1 outside Jacksonville. Loves—a truck stop—is a good rest stop. Gas, fast food and I thought coffee. Nope! But got a breakfast sandwich (save the diet drinks in case we need them). All seating taped off with "DO NOT CROSS" tape.

Saturday. With everyone staying put, why so much traffic? Truckers (it's daylight now) are on the road. We are in GA.

The next rest stop, I am impressed. The doors have been propped open so no need to touch. Grab a sanitizer wipe and head in. All facilities are motion sensitive. Keeping safe so far.

This virus and the government reaction is moving fast. As we drive up the road Wal-Mart parking lots are full. Must be everyone is after the toilet paper and paper towels. Put on 740 miles and get to our favorite spot for the night. Hillsville, VA, just over the border of NC. Register and take our things to the room. Only a couple of cars here. Shoney's restaurant is open (next door) so we head there. Buffet not open but

seating for ten available. We opt for take-out. Unlike Florida, they aren't doing beer/wine as take-out, so we sit with a drink while we waited. Now the hostess has gloves on—nice! Except, she handles money and everything else with the same gloves. Protects herself but no one else this way. No training here. Leave the hotel at 4:00 am again. Diet breakfast drink today.

As we go thru VA, WVA and into PA we see signs stating rest areas closed. NY, CT and MA have set a date to close theirs also—some at end of day today (Sunday). Not good. Pennsylvania is the worst—the entry roads are blocked off and this is a long state. Keep our eyes out for a truck stop (Loves, TA, Pilot). It is our only hope. Did I say Pennsylvania is a long state? All fast food restaurants are window service only. No going inside.

Through PA into NY. Yay!! Rest areas open—my eyes don't need to float.

Needless to say, the trip has its moments. Traffic disbursts at certain junctions but is still busy. 750 miles today and we are home. A few basics were put in the refrigerator by our grandson so we could get through a couple of days.

Final thoughts! We noticed the trees in various stages of bud, daffodils and flowering trees out as we proceeded north. This virus spread faster than anyone has experienced. Major changes—new norm. It is cold. Should have brought home some of those supplies I had there, TP, paper towels, dish liquid etc. I felt with this trip I became even more aware of germs and where they are. Let's hope in the future some of this sticks with everyone. Spring is almost here.

Wash your hands, stay safe.



*Planting a tree in Kenya*

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# Treasures from the Attic

BY NOREEN WOODRUFF

Pictured here is a document I'd like to share with Guilford Gazette readers and then donate to the Historical Society at a later date. I am fortunate enough to come from a family that likes to hold on to items. As one man's trash is another man's treasure, I consider this and some other documents I've discovered to be great treasures for me.

The last of Walter Marynuk's



Griffin and Stockton Woodruff

great-grandchildren, Griffin and Stockton Woodruff, will be graduating from Guilford Central School this June. We are not sure what graduation will look like this year, but for the foreseeable future Covid-19 has us snug at home with closets/attic/basements full of history to be found and shared. I hope this document stimulates the families represented among its graduates to find and share some of their own treasures. After all, we can't take them with us, but we can leave them behind as a legacy.

June 10, 1936	
Class Motto	
"Work and Win"	
Class Colors	Red, White and Blue
Class Flower	Lilies
Program	
Invocation	Rev. Richard Frye
Solo	Miss Ruth Frederickson
President's Welcome	Harold Higley
Up in Old Vermont	Madolyn Moore
(Return of Commander Byrd	
Piano Solos (Froliss of a Fairy Night	
What of it?	Donald Ashworth
A Real Man	Grace Lynde
Class Will	Herbert Higley
Song: The Merry Farmer Boy	Ralph Canedy
The Peak	Algiers School
Food for Thought	Robert Gaines
Trombone Solo	Alta Paulman
Travelers' Saga	Mr. Harold Bernier
The Little Messenger of Love	William Petrie
(The Butterfly	Doris Lynde
Songs (The Murnaring Brook	
Ma and the Auto	Hinesburg School
The Lineman	Harold Higley
Tap Dancing	Walter Marynuk
Beauties of a Farmer's Life	Higley School
Class Poem "Close of School Days"	Theron Hitchcock
written by	
Class Prophecy	Shirley Needham
Class Gifts	Madolyn Moore
Presentation of Diplomas	Oscar Johnson
	Miss Ethel Eddy
Class Officers	
President	Harold Higley
Vice President	Ralph Canedy
Secretary	Oscar Johnson
Treasurer	Madolyn Moore
List of Graduates	
Ralph Earl Canedy	Grace Worden Lynde
Robert Edward Gaines	Walter Frank Marynuk
Harold Elliot Higley	Madolyn May Moore
Herbert William Higley	Shirley Florence Needham
Theron Berger Hitchcock	Alta Elizabeth Paulman
Oscar Bernard Johnson	William Frederick Petrie
Doris Clara Lynde	

## It's Great to be a Senior—Sometimes!

BY WANDA ATOMANUK

To protect our seniors from additional exposure to the COVID-19 virus, grocery stores are opening an hour early


for their shopping. This particular morning my husband (Why should I get up early?) is sitting in the parking lot waiting for the

doors to open. He is not alone. There are several cars with their motors running, keeping warm.

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# Community Calendar

*Please check the status of these events before going*

## MAY

**22 SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE**  
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## JUNE

**11 GAZETTE MEETING**  
9:00 AM-via Zoom or at Guilford Country Store. Help plan the next issue

## JULY

**1 GAZETTE DEADLINE** Submit articles to [gazette@guilfordfree.org](mailto:gazette@guilfordfree.org)  
**9 GAZETTE MEETING**  
9:00 AM-via Zoom or at Guilford Country Store. Help plan the next issue  
**27-31 CAMP GRADES 2-5**  
9 AM-12:30 PM-with Andy Loughney

## AUGUST

**3-7 CAMP GRADES K-5**  
9 AM-12:30 PM-with Emma Hallowell  
**10-14 CAMP GRADES 5-8**  
"STAGE & STREAM"  
9 AM-12:30 PM-with Maia Gilmour & Emma Bliss  
**6 GAZETTE MEETING**  
9:00 AM-via Zoom or at Guilford Country Store. Help plan the next issue

## ONGOING

*Most Mondays*  
• **11 AM FALL PREVENTION TAI CHI advanced beginners**, 10 week session, 1/13/20 - 3/16/20, 4/6 - 6/8 (\$2) Guilford Community Church Info: <https://www.guilfordcares.com/tai-chi-class>

## ONGOING, continued

*Every Tuesday*

• **11 AM ZOOM STORYTIME-** Library-Cathi Wilken or Laura Lawson Tucker presents a program of songs, fingerplays, books and activities for babies, toddlers and older siblings (free) Info: 257-4603 Email [staff@guilfordfreelibraryvt.org](mailto:staff@guilfordfreelibraryvt.org) to request the zoom link.

*3rd Wednesday of the month.*

• **6:30 PM TALK ABOUT BOOKS** Library. Books are available to borrow from the library. (free).

*Most Thursdays*

• **10 AM FALL PREVENTION TAI CHI advanced beginners**, 10 week session (\$2). BBCC Info: <https://www.guilfordcares.com/tai-chiclass>

• **11 AM FALL PREVENTION TAI CHI beginners**, 10 week session (\$2) BBCC Info: <https://www.guilfordcares.com/tai-chi-class>

• **5-6 PM FOOD PANTRY BBCC**  
Info: call Pat Haine 257-0626

## *It's Great to be a Senior, continued*

He is first in the door using his sanitizer wipes, even though the carts, we are told, have been sanitized.

Note: the carts *inside* the doors have been sanitized. No sanitizer is available for the carts outside the entry.

He races to get to the toilet paper and paper towels. I haven't figured this out yet—why? What do they expect?

We are all set here, but if you need some just ask a senior. Bet they have some, or can get first pick and not leave any for the later shoppers. I wonder how the Depends are doing?

Meanwhile, back at home, I am so in the baking mood. Should gain a pound or two or three before this is over. I've found a great 3-ingredient recipe for beer bread. I'll just have to snag one from the

home supply without being caught. Ha ha!

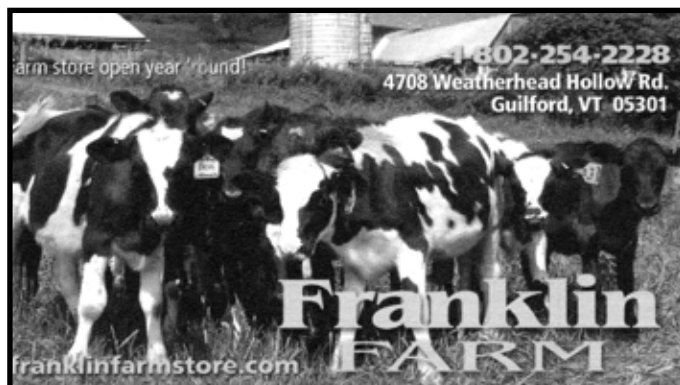
Now back to the store and my husband. There are tape marks on the floor by the check-outs to show where to stand to be at a safe distance. Now he is at the register. Using our own shopping bags, he goes through the process of scanning and bagging. His credit card gets rejected. Apparently he didn't respond to the request to say how many bags he used. He muddles through this, using cash.

Off to the next store.

Now does this mean we have to quarantine for two weeks

again, due to my husband's shopping trip? I am glad I live in the country and can go outside anytime and be at a safe distance from everyone.

Everyone stay safe. There are people out there who can help.



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*A barefoot gardener waters the front garden at the school.*



